

SENATE BILL 1557
By Burchett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section
68-211-604, relative to the state plan to reduce
solid waste.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-211-604(b), is amended by
adding the following language as new subdivision (6):

(6) Provide that all contracts for collecting and hauling solid waste require that
food wastes, organic yard waste, paper, wood, metal and hazardous material including,
but not limited to paint, be source separated by the customer or the hauler before any
waste is taken to the Class I landfill. Such material shall be composted, recycled,
reused or ground into mulch for use with the county;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-211-604, is further amended by
adding the following language as new subsections:

(c) The department of environment and conservation shall provide planning
models for alternatives of safe processing and composting wastes within counties for
rural, suburban and urban areas.

(d) The clear legislative intent of this section is to allow businesses to use,
reuse, compost and otherwise process solid waste to create products which generate
income to supplement the TIP fee from the local government.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.